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Sub: Community Projects - South Kanara District - Congress Party's views.

Ref: From Sri S. Nijalingeppa M.P. letter dated 2-3-54.

Extracts from the letter cited together with its enclosures and the minutes of Chief Minister therein are communicated to the Public Works Department, for necessary action so far as it relates to them.

C.T. Santanagopalan,
Accounts and Special Officer.

To

The Public Works Department.

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Copy of letter from S. Nijalingappa, M.P., addressed to the Chief Minister, Government of Madras dated 2-3-54.

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I had sent you the enclosed letter on February 9, after my tour of South Canara district. It is unfortunate that for want of sufficient postal stamps it has gone, having been refused, from place to place after me and reached me here yesterday.

I am enclosing it to you for your kind consideration.

/ True Copy /

Extracts of minutes of Sri C. Rajagopalachari, Chief Minister of Madras.

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Budget of South Canara Congress party views. Respective departments may deal with the points.

C. Rajagopalachari,
6-3-54.

/ True Copy /

Extracts from the letter from Sri S. Nijalingappa, M.P., addressed to the Chief Minister, Government of Madras, dated 22-3-1954.

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I toured in parts of South Kanara District during December last in my capacity as President of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee. I am giving below my impression. I am also giving a list separately of the requirements and demands made by the people in specific localities.

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Regarding Power Supply from Mysore, there is general eagerness to have it as early as possible and every taluk wants it. They expect that before the year is out they will have power in every Taluk Head Quarters besides Mangalore. I am sure your Government will enable them to have their natural and legitimate desire fulfilled.

Railway connection and Ports and Fisheries:- Though there is some satisfaction that the Hassan Mangalore line is to be surveyed there is a fear that it may be delayed. Some responsible persons in Mysore and South Kanara feel that in addition to this Hassan Mangalore line if there is a loop line to connect Kadur or Birur, Chikmagalur (an important Coffees curing centre) and Saklepur with this line, it would open up the entire Malnad areas and connect the port with the Bangalore Poona Main line. This will also facilitate development of a major and minor ports on who best Coast specially in South Kanara District.

In this connection informed public opinion is keen that whether the major port be at Malpey or at Mangalore the matter should be expedited and not delayed and that the Madras Government should press for its final decision very early. Malpey which is possibly the best fishing centre is being neglected and if the fishing industry is properly developed it would supply large quantities of fish to all the surrounding areas including the hinterland in Mysore which is deficit in food. That could be possible if malpey is also developed either as a km major port by the centre or as a medium port by the Madras State. In that case the Railway connecting Hassan to Mangalore will better serve the needs of the Community in all ways if it goes through Udipi which is an important town in South Kanara and which is within a couple of miles from the Malpe harbour site.

I request that their suggestion may receive your Government's earnest consideration.

West Coast Road:- The people of South Kanara are very happy that the West Coast Road is progressing and bridges are being constructed. The Madras Government have been very sympathetic in this regard and they hope that they will have their road completed soon.

Water Supply Scheme for Mangalore Town:- Mangalore people are happy that they are soon getting protected water supply. I was surprised that the number of people suffering from Philaria Elephantisis is increasing at a rapid rate. Protected water supply with underground drainage plus generous use of D.D.T. would, it is felt control this dreadful disease and eradicate it.

Tenancy:- There is general satisfaction that the matter has attracted Government's attention though considerably delayed there is a general welcome to the ordinance. They hope that action in this behalf will soon be brought into force and the cultivators will be enthused to produce more having some sense of security.

Muhtasirs' Issue:- T.T.O.

Minister's tours:- There is a strong feeling among Congress workers that the District Congress Committee should be consulted before any Minister's tour is settled so that the Minister may be able to visit places and localities which deserves the respective Minister's attention and also establish closer contact of the Ministers with the organisation. The ministers should kindly make it a point to meet workers whenever they visit an area in order to understand special difficulties and find out solutions in consultation with workers.

Forests:- There is a persistent complaint that there is indiscriminate cutting of useful and valuable trees both in reserve and Revenue Forest. There is a lot of corruption in this matter and strict supervision and control is necessary.

I am giving a list of local requirements and demands below:

SULLYA:

1. This is abig village with a population of 8,000 and within a radious of 5 miles round about the population is in the neighbourhood of 30,000. There is now a sub-post office only. A telegraph office is necessary as the nearest telegraph office in Puttur is 22 miles away.

2. Supply of Electricity to this place;

3. Road from Sullya to Pallikere Railway Station a distance of 25 miles. The present Railway connection is to Mangalore a distance of 50 miles. Considering volume of traffic this Road is necessary.

4. Construction of a causeway by Government near Sullya across Payasvini river for the road from Sullya to Kelasagatta and on to Panthadi road which is being made by the villagers by free labour and for which free land is also given by them.

5. Harati and Harijan Communities to be provided with the least delay to about 600ø families in the neighbourhood of Sullya. The Chanbogue should be instructed in the matter.

6. Seeds and agricultural requirements to be provided.

7. A veterinary hospital to be provided as the Branch dispensary at present is not giving any relief and there is no

8. There are thousands of cases in this area where gardens have been mised at great cost and labour by ryots during the last 20 to 30 years and whose owners are now being forced out of them and evicted for the sole reason that when they began to raise these gardens so many years ago the persons through whom they claim did not obtain permits from the Revenue Department. This is causing real hardship and great loss to their community and it is requested that they should not be evicted. They should be continued in possession and their right to ownership recognised. They may be taxed for revenue equittably.

9. KANA AND BANA:- According to custom prevailing then the Coorg Rajas gave for one acre of wet land 2 acres of Bana (for Grass and greens) and 4 acres of Kana (for fuel). The old records are not properly continued and whenever lands are transferred by death or otherwise corresponding entries for Bana and Kana are not made and this has led to lot of hardship. This should be brought uptodate.

P.T.O.

MUDABIDRI:

1. The town is infested with mosquitos. D.D.T. should be used in this town.

2. The powerline from Mysore is running very near here and electricity should be provided for this town.

3. There is large scope for increasing paddy cultivation. This would be fecilitated if Government arrange to supply water at equitate rates by themselves opening out pumpint sets.

MANGALORE:-

1. Palm Gur: This is a cottage industry and could be better encouraged by providing greater facilities for marketing.

2. Many tappers have been thrown out of employment on account of prohibition. Palm Gur manufacture can only give employment to a comparatively smaller number of people. Many of them couldhave alxternative employment if lands could be given to the unemployed for cultivation.

3. The fact of unemployment and under-employment of the large uneducated masses is as important as the unemployment of the educated class and should receive adequate and serious consideration.

4. Bombay and Sourashtra Governments should be requested to use Mangalore tiles for government buildings as they are now making less and less use of them.

I request that these matters will receive your early and sympathetic consideration.

/ True Extract /

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